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SPECIAL REDUCTION

—MADE IN PRICES OF—

Ladies' and Misses' Wraps,

CLOAKS and WALKING JACKETS.

AND SPECIAL JOB LOT OF

Children's Coats.

Those desiring to give as a Christmas present either to a lady, miss or child, should secure these bargains before it is too late, thereby securing a Handsome Wrap at a price that an ordinary one would cost later on.

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CLOTHING.



News travels fast, and the word is getting around that we have commenced our holiday presentation of a

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The present is given to every cash PURCHASER OF GOODS AMOUNTING TO \$12 AND ABOVE; not a watch for every twelve dollars bought; that we could not afford; but with every purchase exceeding this limit, whether it be fifteen or fifty dollars. The cost of the watches is but a small percentage on the average amount of the sales, hence the advertisement is less expensive to us than at first might appear.

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THE LARGEST and finest assortment ever offered in this city of Haveland & Co's and other makes of French China After-Dinner Coffee, Fruit Plates, Ice Cream and Salad Sets, Buckwheat Cake Plates (new), Bluetint Jars, Tea and Dinner Sets, besides many smaller articles too numerous to mention. For sale by
dec13 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO.

OUR STOCK OF CUT-GLASS GORLETS, Wines and Tumblers is very complete just now, besides a full assortment of Colored Glass Ware. We have some very handsome Lemonade, Punch and Water Sets, and we invite you to call and examine them and the prices.
dec13 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO.

FANCY LAMPS—The handsomest stock of Standard and Library Lamps ever offered in this city and at very low figures. We are the sole agents in Alexandria for the "Rochester" Lamp, 60-candle power. Call and examine these goods before making your Christmas purchases.
dec13 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO.

DISQUE FIGURES, Lava Flower Pots, Vases in China and Glass; also "The Fairy Lamp," which is having such a run in other cities, and which has never been offered for sale here before.
dec13 E. J. MILLER, SON & CO.

STRICTLY PURE GROUND SPICES received to-day by
dec13 J. C. MILBURN.

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The Disaster on the Mississippi.

The burning of the steamer J. M. White, the finest boat on the Mississippi river, which ran between Vicksburg and New Orleans, Monday night near Bayou Sara, was mentioned in yesterday's GAZETTE. She was enroute to New Orleans, having on board a large number of passengers, and a cargo of cotton estimated at not less than 2,000 bales. Evidence is accumulating that there were many more lives lost than the story of the officers would indicate. Some place the number lost as high as fifty.

The New Orleans States has the following account, gathered from the officers and crew:

The boat had landed to take on a pile of cotton seed, and there were between thirty-five and forty roustabouts engaged in this work, when, precisely at 10:15 o'clock, everybody was startled by the loud ringing of the bell by Watchman Tom Milleg. Immediately after the cry of "fire" was taken up by twenty voices. In an instant the direct confusion reigned. Men darted to and fro, and the work of arousing the sleeping passengers was begun. The fire was discovered by Thomas Barry, the second engineer, who, with his partner, Steven Janney, was on watch at the time. The first indication he had of fire was a small light on the top of a row of cotton bales, amidst which, which greatly resembled the flame of a lantern. Barry left his post to investigate, and was astonished to discover that the light was caused by a bale of cotton briskly burning. Barry gave the alarm, and his voice rang through the deck room of the vessel. Watchman Miller took in the situation at once, and rang the huge bell located on the second deck. Miller stood at his post ringing the bell until he was forced to retreat by the fast encroaching flames. The noise of the changing bell aroused William McGreevy, chief engineer, who was asleep in the "texas." He sprang out of bed and groped his way through the smoke to wake up his partner, John Callahan, second assistant engineer, who was asleep in the forward part of the "texas." About midnight he met Callahan, who had also been aroused by the bell, and was on his way to hunt for McGreevy. The two men then looked as best they could through the stifling smoke for the others who slept in the "texas," but not seeing any one, and believing that all but themselves had left, they crawled out on the hurricane deck and were compelled to climb down on one of the stanchions to the right side of the boat, from whence they got on shore. In the meantime two streams of water were brought to play on the fire, but the heavy black volumes of smoke drove the engineers back. They fought the flames step by step, but were at last forced to drop the hose and save themselves. The fire burned with frightful rapidity, and in less time than it takes to tell it the entire left side of the boat was a mass of flames. Fire soon caught the railing of the cabin deck, and before any assistance was to be had the boat looked as if she was encircled by a stream of fire. The crackling of the flames and the shrieks of the passengers and crew caused the most intense excitement. When the alarm was first sounded Alex. McVeay, head clerk, was sitting at the stove in his cabin. The first peal of the bell caused him to rush outside, and, seeing the flames leap high in the air, he ran back to the cabin and endeavored to get the books and money. The fire gained rapidly on him, and he was compelled to leave the office, but not before he had secured a sum of money. Mr. McVeay then turned his attention to saving the cabin passengers, of whom there were fifteen or eighteen, including nine ladies. He first awoke Second Clerk John Callahan, who ran out of his room in his undershirt and trousers. Callahan and McVeay went to each room and awoke the inmates. The terrified passengers quickly got out, nearly all of them in their night garments. Among them was a gentleman, name unknown, but recognized as superintendent of the Vidalia Southern railroad. He had his wife and two children, girls of 9 and 12 years, with him. He called them around him and bade them follow him. By this time the flames had reached the cabin, through which thick smoke was rolling. The panic-stricken passengers quickly made for an entrance, some to the stern and the others to the front. The gentleman referred to was among those that went to the stern. Upon reaching the deck he grasped his two children, one at a time, and threw them into the river. Before he and his wife could follow the flames had reached them and they were burned to death. The two pilots on watch, John Stout and Bob Smith, were in the pilot house and were compelled to jump in the river, where they were picked up. They had a narrow escape from death. The fire burned so quickly that it was impossible to see who was saved and who was lost. The deck was crowded with roustabouts and deck passengers, thirty of the latter having got on the vessel at the new Texas landing, just above where the boat was burned. While the passengers and crew were escaping from the boat the steamship blew up and was hurled 300 yards in the air. The force of the explosion caused over twenty bales of burning cotton to be hurled high in air, where they revolved several times and then fell into the river. Immediately after the explosion shrieks were heard coming from the stern of the vessel. For an instant two colored women were seen standing in the galley just back of the wheelhouse, and the next instant they were hidden from view by the smoke and flames.

LAST CALL FOR THE YEAR 1886.

GENUINE BARGAINS.

We are determined to reduce our stock in every department prior to January 1st, 1887, and would EARNESTLY invite the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity to our well-assorted stock of

CLOAKS SHAWLS AND WRAPS,

Which must be sold, and will be sold at a sacrifice, having entirely too many on hand, and stock must be reduced, to say little and mean a good deal.

We will sell you from now till stock-taking time goods in every department at less figures than ever before. We have a large line of

Gloves, Handkerchiefs

and Fancy Novelties,

Muffs, Capes and Fur Trimmings,

Hoods, Nubias and Leggings,

CURTAINS, CURTAIN MATERIALS AND LACES.

DRESS GOODS.

Never had a larger and better assortment in plain figured goods, with suitable trimmings.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

We have a splendid line in Cloth, Cassimeres, Beavers, Doeskins, Chinchillas, &c., all of which we have just reduced in price. They will be made up at short notice, if required, to order, and a fit guaranteed. Genuine bargains this month at

ISAAC EICHBERG & CO'S.

The first part of the boat to give way was the wheelhouse. It fell into the water and a draft being created the flames swept through the centre of the boat. These persons who escaped were taken away from the scene by the steamer Stella Wild, which plied between Bayou Sara and Natchez. As the Wild was backing out four kegs of gunpowder that were in the hold exploded, and cotton and burning timbers were hurled in all directions. This virtually put the fire out, and what was once a palatial steamer was now a blackened wreck. When the Wild reached the river a loud cry for help came from the middle of the stream. A boat was lowered, and was quickly pulled in the direction of the cry. Through the darkness the crew saw the figure of a man grasping a bale of cotton, but before they could reach him the bale turned over, and when it was righted the man was gone.

Wm. McGreevy, chief engineer of the boat, says: "Engineers Barry and Janney, who were on watch, gave the alarm, and the pumps were not to work, but without avail. The watchman gave the alarm by ringing the bell. Clerks Callahan and Bell aroused the people in the cabin. The fire spread rapidly, and in less than fifteen minutes the boat had burned to the water's edge. There were four kegs of powder in the magazine, and the moment the fire reached them the flames shot about 100 feet. The sight was the most heartrending I ever witnessed. The shrieking of women and children for help was awful." He saw the superintendent of the Vidalia railroad standing aft of the ladies' cabin throw his little daughters into the water. He stood there and burned to death with his wife. There were in the cabin nine lady passengers and about eight men. At New Texas twenty deck hands were taken on board. All are supposed to be lost. It is learned that Andrew Pierce, a deckhand, and Antonio Rebatista, a fireman, are the ones to whom all the credit of saving the survivors is due.

LADIES' GOODS.

CLOAKS.

PERFECT SHAPES. BEST MANUFACTURE. Seal Pinch Scarves, \$25 upwards; Seal Pinch Vests, latest and novel shapes; Boucle and Astrachan Wraps, \$9.75 upwards; Jackets from \$9.75 upwards; Beaver and Berlin Twill Newmarkets, \$8. worth \$12.

MILLINERY—Beautiful novelties in Trimmed Hats and Bonnets; real French Faux, Silk bound, \$1 and upwards; real and imitation Laces; Colored Silk and Cotton Brussels Net, for evening wear; Silk Plushes, in all colors, 19 inches wide, \$1.05; Astrachan, best quality, 54 inches wide, \$4; Furs of the finest grade, Muff and Boas to match.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Special importation for holiday trade, plain and embroidered, French and Irish Linen.

REBONS—Heavy Silk, Plain and Picot edge. Foster Knit Gloves, \$1 pair upwards. Every pair fitted and warranted.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS—Decorative metal work, reproductions from original designs; best examples of Ancient and Modern Relief Work.

J. C. HUTCHINSON, AVE.

907 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

Washington, D. C.

7 Travis, Paris. dec6

DRY GOODS.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Great Attraction in Holiday Goods

FRENCH'S.

93 and 95 King Street.

Handsomest assortment in the State of fine Comb and Brush Sets, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes and Writing Desks, Jewel Cases, Odor Cases, Collar and Cuff Sets, Opera Glasses, Mirrors, in Plush and Leather Cases, unique in design and beautifully finished.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

and Art Prints on satin, very handsome.

MEN'S JEWELRY, a choice selection of new and unique designs in Sleeve Buttons, Shirt Studs, Collar Buttons and Scarf Pins; very handsome.

Vases, very handsome, Bronzes, Brass Goods, Cut Glass Japanese Curios, and Laquer Work, Japanese Teapots, richly ornamented, Panels, Fine Card Cases, Ladies' Satchels, Letter Books, Portmonnaies, Portfolios, and a thousand other desirable articles for the Holidays.

A very complete assortment of

Bible and Prayer Books,

all styles of binding. All the new gift books of the season.

Standard Books in sets—Ruskin, Thackeray, Scott, Dickens, Bulwer, Guizot, Irving, Cooper, Geo. Eliot and many others. Cheapest sets in the country.

JUVENILE BOOKS,

Games, Blocks, Puzzles, and a thousand other things for the little folks. SPECIAL FEATURES FOR THE SEASON.

ESTEY PIANOS AND ORGANS,

ROYAL ST. JOHN SEWING MACHINES
MOST ACCEPTABLE HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS.

Recognizing the tendency of the times to useful articles for Xmas presents, we have placed on our counters an extensive stock of goods for the Holidays, in which the beautiful and useful are strikingly combined. An inspection of our stock will satisfy any one that we are fully prepared to answer that puzzling and oft repeated question, "What shall I buy for Christmas."

IN POCKET-BOOKS, WALLETS, and HAND-SATCHELS,

we offer an unrivaled selection that will please the most exacting, in price, quality and design.

We have Fancy Table Covers, Tidies and Table Scarfs, in endless variety.

We have a large and elegant assortment of

COMFORTS,

from 75c. to \$11.00 in print, Chintz, Silecia, Cheese Cloth, Satine, and Eider Down in all the colors of the Rainbow. Our

LAP ROBES

not only suggest a feeling of comfort but they satisfy the love for the beautiful. The handsome

EMBROIDERED SUSPENDERS

are elegant presents for gentlemen, as are our Jersey, Dogskin, Castor and Kid Gloves. Our

Scarfs and Ties

are worth an examination. For ladies, nothing could be more appropriate than one of our HAND PAINTED FANS.

Special attention is called to our large line of

Gentlemen and Ladies' Handkerchiefs,

in plain and hemstitched, colored and mourning bordered, scalloped and embroidered.

We would like you to look at our

Table Linens and Napkins,

especially at the great bargain in extra size.

DAMASK TABLE COVERS, at \$4.75.

We have had sent us on approval a full line of

SHAWLS, CLOAKS AND WRAPS,

which we are going to sell at less than we could have purchased them ourselves at the first of the season. Remember we run no risk on these garments and will sell them on small margin. ONE PRICE.

J. E. TACKETT,

NOS. 107 AND 109 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY A HOLIDAY PRESENT

—GO TO—

HENRY WILDT'S,

NO. 10 NORTH ROYAL STREET. ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WHERE YOU WILL FIND A FINE SELECTION OF

Watches, Jewelry, Solid Silverware, Silver-plated Ware, Clocks, Eye Glasses.

SPECTACLES, &c., &c.

And you will be sure to find something that will suit you.

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HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c., just received at 88 King, corner of Royal street and for sale at a small advance—wholesale and retail. Rodgers & Son and other make of Carvers and Forks, a great variety. Rodgers & Son, and other make of Table and Breakfast Knives. Genuine Rodgers & Son, Heineish and other make of Scissors. Pocket Cutlery in great variety, several hundred patterns. Table Knives, with Forks to match, at low prices. Enterprise, Champion and other Meat Cutters, all sizes. Browne's Flexible Rubber Weather Strips, the best in use, with a great variety of other goods in our line, for sale cheap. Special attention is asked to a large job lot of Fray's Solid Steel Seaside Scissors and Shears, for sale at a large deduction from usual prices. Call and see, at 85 King, corner of Royal street.
dec7 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

NOTICE—All persons indebted to SIMEON DENTY are notified to come forward and settle their accounts with the undersigned assignee at once at my office, corner Fairfax and King streets, and all persons having claims against the said Simeon Denty are requested to present them to me for such participation in the proceeds of the sale of his property as is provided for in the deed of assignment.
dec7-1f JULIAN W. HOLT, Assignee.

BRECH and MUZZLE-LOADING SHOT GUNS, the largest and best assortment we have ever had and at lower prices; also Taper Shells of all grades, Wads, Caps, Belts and Cartridges. It will pay purchasers to call and see us.
JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, Alexandria, Va.

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